

His service to the House is respected by the Members, chairmen, officers, and staff that have benefited from his unwavering disposition and willingness to serve in any role needed.

Darrell was always willing to volunteer his time to assist others. His participation on the House emergency preparedness and response teams as a critical staff member was above and beyond his daily responsibilities.

Energy and enthusiasm were his trademark characteristics and earned him recognition as a "CAO All Star" for his "can do" attitude and living his philosophy to never say no. You could always count on Darrell.

Admired by the people who knew him and appreciated by those he served, Darrell was an exceptional role model. He received the CAO award for distinguished service in acknowledgement of his consistent and selfless service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Keeping the House an important part of his life did not eclipse Darrell's pride in his children. His eyes would light up and his chest expanded every time he spoke of his daughter and son. Darrell is survived by his mother, Mary Norman, his younger sister Dorita Norman Smith, his younger brother Jeffrey Norman, his daughter Monea Hendricks and his son Darrell Norman, Jr.

It is a privilege to pay respects to a man who lived the spirit of unconditional service. On behalf of the entire House community, we extend our condolences to Darrell's family, friends and colleagues in mourning the loss of a special man.

CONGRATULATING ANNIE WORK FOR HER RETIREMENT FROM KWCH-TV IN WICHITA, KANSAS

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Annie Work for her retirement from KWCH-TV in Wichita, Kansas. She has been a loyal employee since her first day in April 1986.

In this fast-paced media world where people are rushed and feel rushed, one could always count on walking into Channel 12 and being greeted by Annie's warm and friendly face. I knew that every time I entered the station, I would be greeted with a hearty welcome and then fall easily into conversation with her.

One of our favorite topics was golf. Her enjoyment of the sport and excitement she brings into the conversation about it is contagious.

Although I know she enjoys her job as the welcoming face for Channel 12, I am sure that Annie would say her proudest accomplishment is being the mother of five daughters. Every parent enjoys watching their family expand, and Annie has had the pleasure of welcoming into the world several grandchildren.

While Annie will be leaving the television station, I hope she will continue to publish the Urban News. This monthly newsletter founded by, published, edited and circulated by Annie helps the community keep aware of events occurring around them.

Again, I congratulate Annie Work on her invaluable contribution to KWCH, our community, and the Fourth District of Kansas. I know she will be missed by the rest of the Channel 12 staff, and I will miss having the opportunity to speak with her during my visits to the station.

I wish her all of the best in her retirement and all of her future endeavors.

TOUGH, PRACTICAL, EFFECTIVE COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM PACKAGE NEEDED

(Ms. GIFFORDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GIFFORDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak for the very first time in this distinguished Chamber representing the Eighth District of Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, we have made some major accomplishments this week, but one area that particularly pertains to my district and to the State of Arizona has not been addressed, and that is the crisis in illegal immigration.

For too long, Congress and Washington have failed to act. We must secure the border now. My district and the State of Arizona have paid a heavy price for this burden. We know it in our schools, our hospitals and our law enforcement agencies.

We must move this year with a sense of urgency to pass a comprehensive immigration reform package that is tough, effective, and practical. We need to increase border security using modern-era technology, radar, drones, electronic surveillance. There must be more Border Patrol agents and more support for those Border Patrol agents.

We also need tough employer sanctions for those employers who are knowingly hiring people illegally, and a guest worker program, so that people can come in and work legally, safely, and return back to their home countries.

Working to pass such measures will be my priority in this 110th Congress, and I look forward to working with Members on both sides of the aisle on this important issue.

TUNAGATE

(Mr. MCHENRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, there is something fishy going on here. The Washington Times reported yesterday that "the Democrats' minimum wage legislation exempts American Samoa, a Pacific island territory, that would be the only U.S. territory not subject to the Federal minimum wage."

The article goes on to say: "The loophole pleases StarKist Tuna, one of the two packaging plants that employ over 5,000 Samoans, or nearly 75 percent of the island's workforce."

"StarKist's parent company, Del Monte, is headquartered in San Francisco."

Now, after these press reports came out, the Democrats want to include American Samoa in this legislation, 2 days after it passed this House. Why? Because the American public found out about this special interest scheme.

This is a clear abuse of power for a hometown company. Indeed, Mr. Speaker, Madam Speaker, indeed, this is an abuse of power, and there is something definitely fishy going on here.

STANDING UP FOR SENIORS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the body that we stand in is the people's House. It is our obligation to address the grievances of the people who petition us. Thank goodness today, by reforming the prescription drug benefit part D, H.R. 4 addressed the grievances of millions and millions of seniors and small pharmaceutical companies or pharmacies.

Seventy-five percent of the drug program is paid by taxpayers. Thank goodness that we worked today on behalf of seniors who have suffered for years facing that terrible doughnut hole. Thank goodness we are negotiating a cheaper price. Thank goodness we are doing like the veterans hospitals are doing for veterans. Thank goodness we have corrected that 6-hour open vote of sheer despair, of pressuring all of the Members of Congress to vote the way our Republican friends wanted them to do, which is vote the worst prescription drug benefit program we have ever had in America. We did a disservice to Medicare. Today we fixed it.

I am glad for seniors we stood up so they could be heard.

LEARNING ABOUT PROMISES

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, my mother taught for most of her adult life, and she used to say, One of the things I like about you, Louie, is that you are teachable. And I am learning, Mr. Speaker.

I have learned that you can make a promise for years and years: We are going to have the most open government; we know that legislation is better if there is opportunity to amend it and debate it, because 100 percent right doesn't lie in one person, so we are going to do that.

Whoops, we have a shot in being in the majority. What can we do? Oh, I know, we can make a different promise. Well, we are people of our word, so we promise we are not going to do any of that stuff for the first 100 hours.

Well, that is 4 days and 4 hours. Whoops, we want to keep violating our first promise, so, well, we are promising that 100 hours means the clock only runs when we have the ball.

Mr. Speaker, I am learning.